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the Right to Development
Geneva, 25 February-8 March 2002

Programme of work proposed by the Chairman

First day, morning

Opening of the session by the Chairman of the Working Group on the Right to Development (RTD)/adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Introductory remarks by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Presentation by the independent expert on his missions and the preliminary study on the preparation of the impact of international economic issues on the enjoyment of human rights

Statement by heads/representatives of United Nations and other agencies in the light of developments at both national and international level relevant to RTD

First day, afternoon

Consideration of concrete actions towards realization of RTD at the international level:

> Assessment of the progress made in meeting the goals and objectives of internationally agreed development targets and commitments, including the Programme of Action for the LDCs adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
>
> Objectives set by the Millennium Summit Declaration

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Second day, morning

International trade issues

Access to technology

Good governance and equity at the international level

International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002; draft Monterrey Consensus contained in document A/AC.257/L.13)

Debt burden

Second day, afternoon

Conclusion of the debate

Third day, morning.

Introduction of the fourth report of the independent expert (E/CN.4/2002/WG.18/2)

Third day, afternoon

Continuation of the debate on the fourth report of the independent expert

Fourth day, morning

Conclusion of the debate on the fourth report of the independent expert

Consideration of concrete actions towards realization of RTD at the national level

Fourth day, afternoon

Mainstreaming of RTD in national development programmes and plans

Consideration of priority to be given to education, health and food as entry points to the realisation of RTD

National efforts: role and responsibilities of States in the realization of RTD

Poverty reduction, strategies and plans

Role of national institutions, including human rights institutions

Fifth day, morning

Role of women in the realization of RTD

Contribution of civil society, including media and the private sector, in promoting RTD

The role of good governance and rule of law towards realization of RTD

Fifth day, afternoon

Conclusion of the debate

Sixth day, morning

Strengthening of the role of OHCHR in the promotion and protection of RTD

Sixth day, afternoon

Consideration of a suitable permanent follow-up mechanism for the implementation of RTD.

Seventh day

Informal consultations on the outcome of the session, including on the future work of the Working Group

Eighth day

Continuation of the informal consultations

Ninth day

Preparation of the report of the session

Tenth day

Closing of the session: formal adoption of the conclusions and the report of the session

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